

NATIVE ROOTS

To promote the enjoyment & stewardship of natural areas in West Central Indiana!

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FrogWatch USA HIKE

SAT MAY 23rd 6-9pm (weather dependent*)
at Winterhaven Wildflowers & Native Plant Preserve
5724 S 900 West, West Point, IN

Wendell Zetterberg, Jr., active in amphibian conservation & education, will lead this hike to look and listen for some of our local frog species.

He will talk about FrogWatch USA, and about Indiana's native frog and toad species and why native plants are important to them.

Bring a flashlight, and dress appropriately!

***If rainy weather, call Reni Winter at: 765-714-4288**

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

West Central Chapter of INPAWS - Indiana Native Plant & Wildflower Society

WC-INPAWS PROGRAM Meetings—fourth Mondays at 7pm
at Lilly Nature Center in Celery Bog Nature Area, West Lafayette

NO REGULAR PROGRAM MEETINGS MAY, JUNE & JULY

The chapter may have a summer field trip—to be announced.

For more information about WC-INPAWS, contact:

PgmChair: Susan Ulrich 765-583-2275 sueandtedulrich@msn.com

Pres: Reni Winter 765-714-4288 wildflowers@winterhavenfarm.us

NATIVE PLANTS sold here...

George Peregrin—Native Plants Unlimited: over 90 species

Extended Plant Sale Hours:

Week of May 11, 8am-5pm – Self-serve (George will not be on site)
at GreenCycle of Indiana: 2695 Cicero Rd (SR 19), Noblesville, IN

SAT MAY 16, 8am-5pm – (George will be at the facility)

SUN MAY 17, 1-4pm – (George will be at the facility)

For plant list & directions: www.nativeplantsunlimited.com

Questions? 317-506-5456 or nativeplants@earthlink.net

Walter Beineke—The Land Nursery (in Lafayette)

mainly native trees and shrubs.

For plant list & more info, contact Walt at:

765-463-2994 or wbein2@verizon.net

NICHES EVENTS

For more info or property directions: www.nicheslandtrust.org
or **contact NICHES at 765-423-1605** or niches@nicheslandtrust.org

SUN MAY 17th 2-4pm SHAWNEE BOTTOMS NATURE HIKE

Explore this NICHES property in Fountain County with recent Indiana transplant Jeff Ganley and other nature enthusiasts to see all the signs of spring. *Meet in property parking lot—directions on website.*

SAT MAY 23rd 10am-noon Geocaching Workshop --RSVP NICHES

Come and enjoy the great outdoors in a new unique way at this workshop led by Chris Miller (Purdue GIS)! After the workshop, try out your new skills to find the caches hidden at Fisher Oak Savanna. *Meet in the parking lot of Fisher Oak Savanna—directions on web.*

WED MAY 27th 3-6pm NICHES at the WL Farmers Market*

Find out about NICHES properties while having fun in the interactive plant give-a-way! (*off Salisbury St just north of Cumberland Ave)

SAT JUN 6th all day Sugar Creek Float with Friends of Sugar Creek

Experience Sugar Creek during this float from the NICHES Bachner Nature Reserve to Deer Creek Covered Bridge. Rental for first 20 boats is covered by NICHES & Friends group. **RSVP no later than MAY 29th to Matt Williams at jodale1@gmail.com 765-376-5213**

SAT JUN 20th 8am-1pm Fly Fishing Workshop

Before hitting the water, learn casting techniques from Tippecanoe Fly Fishers along the banks of Sugar Creek at NICHES Bachner Nature Reserve. Lunch provided by NICHES for participants.

RSVP to NICHES: niches@nicheslandtrust.org or 765-423-1605

WED JUN 24th 3-6pm NICHES at the WL Farmers Market

Enjoy an interactive water and pond life display!

SYCAMORE AUDUBON SOCIETY (SAS)

www.sycamoreaudubon.org

SAS PROGRAM Meetings—second Thursdays at 7:15pm

at Lilly Nature Center in Celery Bog Nature Area, West Lafayette
Dinner with the speaker is at 6pm in the MCL Cafeteria-West Lafayette

~ open to the public ~

THURS, MAY 14 “Exploring Michigan Naturally!”

— *Michigan naturalist and nature tour leader Jeff Ganley will take us on a photographic journey to our northern neighbor to discover the well-known as well as the “off the beaten path” birding and wildlife watching spots!*

NO SAS MEETINGS IN JUNE, JULY & AUGUST.

PGM CHAIR—Diane Packett: dlpacket@pex.net or 765-463-9231

SAT JUN 6 -- SUMMER BIRD COUNTS START!

The Indiana Audubon Society organizes a report of all birds found in the state during the breeding season, when traditionally many birders are less active.

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The Summer Bird Count organizers ask people to develop a list of all birds seen in their county during June and July, along with evidence of breeding activity.

To get this effort off to a good start, SAS would like to visit Martell Forest and Prophetstown State Park to get a list of forest and grassland birds present in the beginning of June. IF INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING, contact: **Barny Dunning 494-3565w, 497-3082h**

## SAS FIELD TRIPS

### SUN MAY 24 FULL DAY BIRDING FIELD TRIP in Southern Indiana

Lee Sterrenburg leads this birding field trip through Goose Pond and Beehunter Marsh—spectacular new state wildlife areas. Expect to see tail-end of the shorebird migration and some of the breeding wetland birds that have colonized the new marshes!

*Goose Pond is about a 3-hour drive from Lafayette. Barny has reserved three rooms in the only motel in nearby Linton, IN, for the night of SAT, MAY 23<sup>rd</sup>, so participants can drive down the night before and be in place for an early start on Sunday morning. Lee may take some people on SAT night to parts of the property to hear rails and bitterns.*

IF INTERESTED IN THE TRIP and/or MOTEL ROOMS,  
contact: **Barny at 765-497-3082 or [jdunning@purdue.edu](mailto:jdunning@purdue.edu).**

### THURSDAY EARLY BIRD HIKES at HORT PARK

**Start time: 8:00am - MAY 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Contact Barny Dunning to confirm possible hikes MAY 21 & 28!**  
**(No JUNE hikes)**

*Meet in the east parking lot of Hort Park in grove of River Birches on McCormick Rd across from Purdue West shopping center in WL.*

**For field trip or hike info: Barny Dunning 494-3565w, 497-3082h**

## Hoosier Environmental BOOK CLUB

*Meets 1:30pm at Barnes & Noble (next to Tippecanoe Mall)*

**SAT MAY 16<sup>th</sup> -- Train Time: Railroads and the Imminent Reshaping of the United States Landscape** by John R. Stilgoe

**FOR INFO: Falon French at 765-430-0979 [ffrench@hecweb.org](mailto:ffrench@hecweb.org)**

## Tippecanoe County Master Gardener Workshop\*

### BENEFICIAL BUGS!

**SAT, JUN 6<sup>th</sup> 10am-noon**

*at Tipp Co Extension Office-3150 Sagamore Parkway South, Lafayette*

**\*Free & Open to the Public – Walk-ins welcome.**

*Purdue Professor Cliff Sadof will give a presentation about beneficial bugs and how to put them to work to kill pests in your home garden!*

**To register: 765-474-0793 or For info: [www.hort.purdue.edu/mg](http://www.hort.purdue.edu/mg)**

## "WEDNESDAYS in the WILD"

### Natural History Talks/Workshops/Field Trips

MAY-JUL 1, 2009 1-3pm or As Noted

#### May 6<sup>th</sup> 1-3pm Shooting Stars & More (Wildflowers) CLEGG

Walk wooded ravine trails with Jim Peterson (CLEGG manager and wildflower aficionado); enjoy the many wildflowers as you learn about the gravel hill prairie restoration on this property along Wildcat Creek!

#### May 13<sup>th</sup> 1-3pm Woodland Gems (Spring Wildflowers) ... MS

Chris & Jim Brewster (knowledgeable wildflower enthusiasts) lead a sunny weather walk to see the flora of this protected woodland.

#### May 20<sup>th</sup> 7-9pm Family Fun at the Celery Bog ..... LNC

Presentation of activities for outdoor summer fun at the Celery Bog by Dan Shepardson (Purdue Professor in Dept of Curriculum & Instruction), Sam Postlethwaite (Purdue Botanist Emeritus) and Mary Cutler (Naturalist for Tippecanoe County Park & Rec Dept).

#### May 27<sup>th</sup> 1-3pm Stream Critters .....Bring boots!..... BEEC

Explore Burnett Creek and find out who lives there! Program led by Naturalist Mary Cutler (Tippecanoe County Park & Rec Dept).

#### Jun 3<sup>rd</sup> 7-9pm SNAKES: Fact or Fiction ..... LNC

Co-authors of newly revised *Snakes of Indiana*, Rod Williams (Purdue Herpetologist) & Brian MacGowan (Purdue Extension Wildlife Specialist), share fascinating facts about the lives of some of our state's most misunderstood animals! (INDOOR program)

#### Jun 10<sup>th</sup> 1-3pm Upclose Bird ID Using Mist Nets ..... WNC

Mick & Sally Weeks (Purdue Dept of Forestry & Natural Resources) will demonstrate the use of mist nets and identify the birds that come to the nets during this program. A wonderful opportunity to get an upclose look at our local birds.

#### Jun 17<sup>th</sup> 1-3pm Plant Breeding for BioEnergy ..... FFR

Frank Spelbring (President of FFR Cooperative) will take participants on a wagon tour of the FFR research facility; he will discuss biofuel target crops, development of crop systems to produce energy from biomass production, & locations where these crops may be planted.

NOTE: CARPOOL leaves LNC at 12:15pm.

#### Jun 24<sup>th</sup> 1-3pm Easy Moss ID .....indoor pgm..... LNC

Purdue Dendrologist Sally Weeks will talk about certain species of mosses that are "easy" to identify because of their very characteristic clues.

#### Jul 1<sup>st</sup> 8-10pm Fireflies—nature's little night lights! .. LNC

Why the lights? How do they do it? Find out with Purdue Entomologist Arwin Provonsa.

LOCATIONS of these FREE PGMS—OPEN to the PUBLIC

**BEEC (Brier Environmental Educ Ctr):** In Battle Ground, turn by small sign on south side of Prophet St near intersection with N. 9<sup>th</sup> St.

**CLEGG (CLEGG Garden):** In Lafayette, on 400E (Eisenhower Rd) just south of its intersection with 200N.

**FFR (FFR Cooperative):** Take 25 north & turn right on E 450 N (Buck Creek Rd); FFR is ½ mile down this road on the left at 4846 OR join 12:15pm CARPOOL from LNC.

**LNC (Lilly Nature Center/Celery Bog Nature Area):** On north side of Lindberg Rd (betw Northwestern & McCormick) in West Lafayette.

**MS (Michaud-Sinninger/Cumberland Woods):** Meet in athletic complex parking lot on Salisbury just north of Cumberland Ave, WL.

**WNC (Wah-ba-shik-a Nature Center):** In Battle Ground, at the end of the Battlefield Monument parking lot off N. 9<sup>th</sup> St.

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Sponsored by: Mary Cutler-TIPP CO Park & Rec Dept, Brian Tunis-WL Parks & Rec, Sycamore Audubon Soc, WC-INPAWS, NICHES

FOR MORE INFORMATION, contact:

Mary Cutler (765-567-2993), Brian Tunis (765-497-7158), or Editor

COMMUNITY GREEN EVENTS

GREEN DRINKS – WED JUN 3rd -- Energy Conservation

6:30pm at Spurlock's (721 Main St, LAF); meets on 1st Wednesdays 7pm Presentation on energy conservation in the home, Kill-A-Watt meters, and helpful ways to reduce your carbon footprint.

For more info, call (765) 742-6050.

De-Trash the Wabash – SAT JUN 6th

This river cleanup is being planned for our very own water trail on National Trails Day June 6. It will be a bring-your-own boat cleanup on the water.

Details: Rae Schnapp 765-714-4829 or rschnapp@hecweb.org

WL Go Greener Commission Meeting-MAY 19, 7:15pm WL CityHall

More info: Diane Damico 765-418-1223 dianedamico@mac.com

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Protect woodland wildflowers--PULL GARLIC MUSTARD!!!

The INPAWS (Remove Invasive Plant) Squad could use your help at its SPRING 2009 workdays

Plastic bags will be provided, but bring gloves & dress for poison ivy!

TUESDAYS 3-5pm

West Lafayette Parks

May 5 Happy Hollow Park

May 12 Celery Bog Nature Area

May 19 Celery Bog Nature Area

May 26 Cumberland Woods

THURSDAYS 3-5pm

Tippecanoe County Parks

May 7 Prophet's Rock Woods

May 14 Ross Hills Park

May 21 Prophet's Rock Woods

May 28 Ross Hills Park

Workday Meeting Locations

Call contact person** about iffy weather & to confirm meeting place

Celery Bog Nature Area—Meet in parking lot by Lilly Nature Ctr, WL

Cumberland Woods/Michaud-Sinninger Woods—Meet in parking lot off Salisbury St just north of Cumberland Ave in West Lafayette.

Happy Hollow Park—Meet in last parking lot after entering the park from Happy Hollow Rd in West Lafayette.

**Brian Tunis 765-497-7158 or Bob Cheever: 765-775-5124

Prophet's Rock Woods—Meet at little Prophet's Rock parking lot on Prophets Rock Road, just north of 600N (toward Battle Ground).

Ross Hills Park—Meet at far end of park's 2nd parking area (loop drive). Ross Hills is located off Division Rd near Ravines Golf Course.

**Joan Samuels 765-567-7023 or Mary Sue Waser 765-589-3228

2009 INVASIVE PLANT MANAGEMENT FIELD DAY

TUES, JUNE 16, 2009 from 8:30am-3:30pm

John S. Wright Forestry Center – Purdue University
(1007 N 725 W, West Lafayette)

More information: Karen Schneider (Purdue FNR) 765-494-3583

Registration fee of \$30 due June 12th & includes lunch.

INVASIVE SPECIES MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP

MAY 30th 9am-2:30pm at Muscatatuck NWR in Southern IN

RSVP to reserve "Landowner's toolkit"

(extensive information packet to help you identify & control invasives)

Tom Tremain ttinogil@bcremc.net or Mary Jane Deel 812-279-8117

NICHES Land Trust - Helping Ecosystems Survive!

www.nicheslandtrust.org

NEXT BOARD MEETINGS -- 7 pm TUES: May 26th, Jun 23rd

in the Wells Center at 638 North St, Lafayette

WORKDAYS at NICHES Properties

10am-1pm, unless noted otherwise.

SAT MAY 23rd Indian Creek Plug Planting—Warren County

Meet in the parking lot of Granville Public Access Point, west of the Granville Bridge.

Details: Gus Nyberg 765-423-1605 or gnyberg@nicheslandtrust.org

KANKAKEE SANDS PROJECT Workdays/NEWTON County

(RSVPs appreciated but not required; note listed time is CentralDT)

SAT, MAY 23, 9am-12noon CDT Plug Planting of Rare Species

Help move these seedlings from greenhouse into their prairie home!

Meet at Kankakee Sands Office: 3294 N US Highway 41.

For more info: Andrea Locke 219-285-2184 or alocke@tnc.org

SUGAR CREEK CLEANUP – SAT MAY 16th – ON THE WATER

8:30am Meet at Turkey Run Canoe Rentals—providing canoes and transporting participants to the Brush Creek put in.

Sponsored by Friends of Turkey Run and Shades State Parks

For more info, Glen Summers: gsummers@localnet.com



Hoosier Herpetological Society

meets third Wednesdays – 7:30pm

at Butler University in Gallahue Hall, Rm 105 or 108

For more info: www.hoosierherpsociety.org or contact:

Wendell Zetterberg, Jr. 765-249-2298 or wzetterberg@gmail.com

Why this newsletter?

If you're like me, you'd like to have all your nature news in one place—so you don't miss out on some interesting natural history programs or stewardship opportunities. That's my intent here.

Submissions for JUL-AUG issue need to reach me by JUN 27th.

Please send your info to mohrsamuels@comcast.net

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